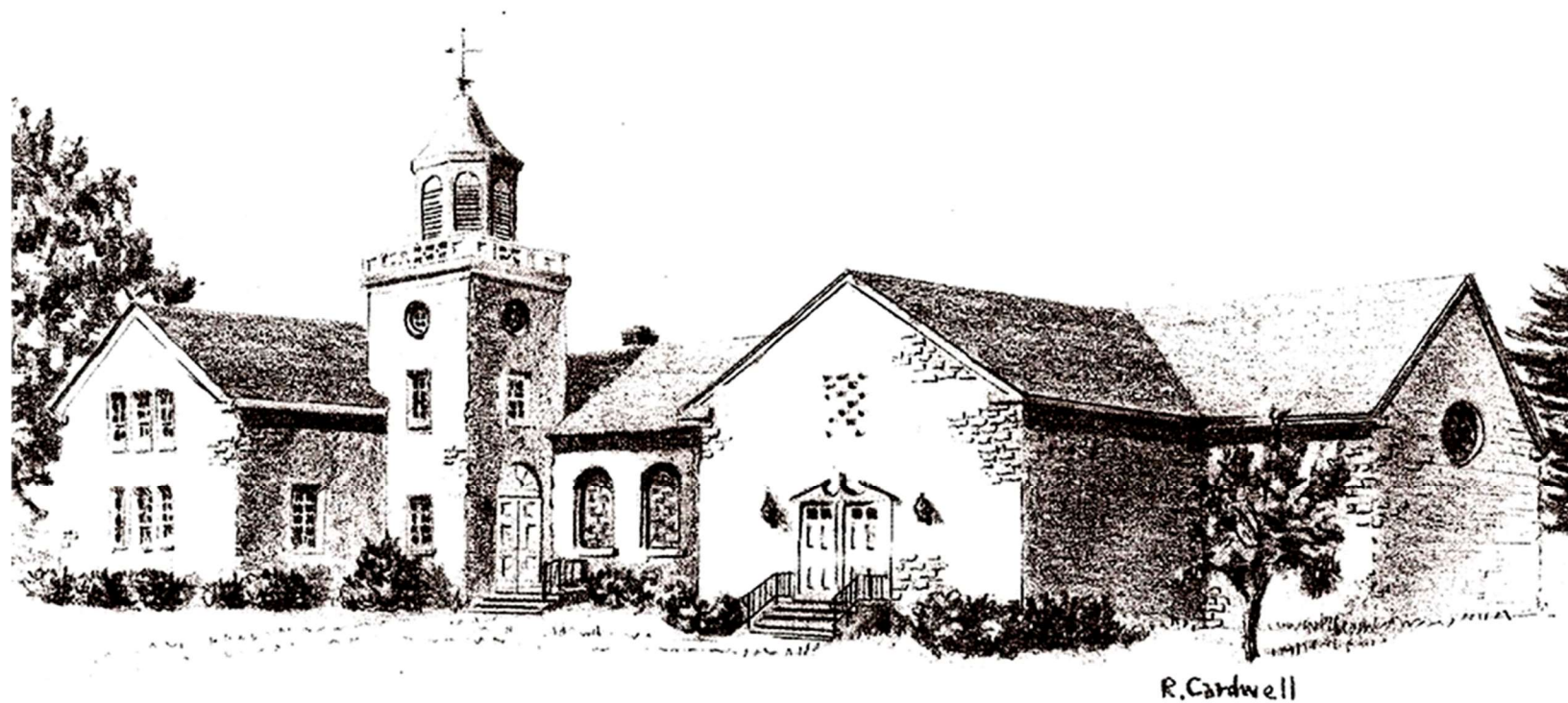


# *First Presbyterian Church of Dryden*

*Established 1808*

*Sunday, April 30, 2023*

*Jim Hicks, guest preacher*



*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,  
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GATHERING PRAYER

Gathering Prayer: Gracious and loving God, we rejoice in this day that you have made; and we are glad in it. We have hope and purpose this day and all our days to come, given the blessing of resurrection life that we have in your Son, Jesus Christ. Come, divine Spirit, fill our hearts with love, hope and faith, to share and enjoy with the world, in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Call: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all of his goodness,**

Call: Who forgives your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

**Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Call: Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns your life with kindness and tender mercy.

**Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Take My Life and Let It Be" #379

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Call 1 John 1:5, 7

"This is the message we have heard from the Lord and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all... if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." Let us come in prayer before the Lord.

#### **Prayer**

**O Lord, most high and yet very near, in the name of Christ we come before you, acknowledging our waywardness and sin. We have missed the mark of your high calling and followed paths of disobedience. But through Christ you have redeemed us and embraced us as your people. Guide us, O Lord, as we seek to follow you; direct our feet as we walk in the path you have chosen for us. Take command of our lives so that as your people we may reflect the light of your presence. Amen.**

#### Promise

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Believe the good news of the gospel!

#### **Response**

**We believe!**

HYMN OF PRAYER: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #410

### SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Most Holy God, we are a people who need you in your fullness — as Creative Father, Redeeming Son, and Sustaining Spirit. Our lives are often filled with complications and pain; our world is distressed by war and despair. We experience worries and wounds that sometimes make it hard to be awake to your mercy and grace. But we were made in your image, and your Spirit was breathed into us that we might experience hope in your goodness. Lord, we trust in you and we give our lives to your care.... Assist us

now as we pray for those whose lives are troubled by sickness or personal difficulties. We bow in silence.

We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to say, Our Father...

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

TALKING WITH THE YOUTH

Steve Kotula

ANTHEM MUSIC

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SCRIPTURE JONAH 1:17–2:10; MATTHEW 16:1-4

MESSAGE "Seeking a Sign"

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart" #249

GIVING OUR GIFTS

GLORIA PATRI

#622

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

HYMN TO SEND OUT THE LIGHT

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

#76

Blessing

Choral Benediction

"Deep River"

Traditional Spiritual arr. by Donald P. Moore

Postlude

## **Welcome to our Church Today!**

Thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate. Let us know if we can assist you.

### **Church Calendar**

Sun. Apr. 30	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – Jim Hicks guest preacher
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Mon. May 1	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. May 2	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Wed. May 3	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Thu. May 4	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
Fri. May 5	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sat. May 6		Blue Jeans Saturday
Sun. May 7	9:15 a.m.	Choir
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship – guest: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wind
		Celebrate Years of Membership
Mon. May 8		Pastor Nancy out of the office

Spring Cleanup is scheduled **for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.**

Please bring rakes, tarps etc. for outside work and cleaning supplies for washing windows etc.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee and goodies will be provided.

### **For Prayer**

Dave Gross, Bob Watros, Patsy Thornton, Brad Perkins  
Tim Grossman & Joyce Kalk (Fran's sister and nephew)

**WEB Snack for May:** Beef Jerky Snack Sticks

### **Sunday Servants**

<u>Ushering:</u>	Joan Watros	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Organist</u>	Michael Singbusch
<u>Preacher:</u>	Nancy Didway	<u>Liturgist:</u>	J. Scott
		<u>Flowers:</u>	Flower Committee

*All for the glory of God.*

# Take My Life and Let it Be

## Verse 1:

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days –  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

## Verse 2:

Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

## Verse 3:

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

## Verse 4:

Take my silver and my gold –  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

## Verse 5:

Take my will and make it Thine –  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart – it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

## Verse 6:

Take my love – my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself – and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

*Text: Frances Ridley Havergal*

*Music: Hendon, Henry A. César Malan*

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

### Verse 1:

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

### Verse 3:

While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

### Verse 2:

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

### Verse 4:

When ends life's passing dream,  
When death's cold, threatening  
stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O lift me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

Amen.

Text: Ray Palmer

Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason

## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

### Verse 1:

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart:  
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

### Verse 2:

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own – soul, heart and strength and mind.  
I see Thy cross – there teach my heart to cling;  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

### Verse 3:

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear –  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

### Verse 4:

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove –  
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.

Amen.

Text: George Croly

Music: *Morecambe*, Frederick C. Atkinson

# Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.

Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century  
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke



## O for a Thousand Tongues

Verse 1:

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

Verse 2:

Jesus! The name that charms our  
fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

Verse 3:

He breaks the power of canceled  
sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest  
clean;  
His blood availed for me.

Verse 4:

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye  
dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Verse 5:

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth  
abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

Amen.

Text: Charles Wesley  
Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason